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TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR CONTROLLING
MICROMECHANICAL ELEMENT

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The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir

Please amend the above-identified, enclosed patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

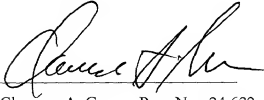
Please amend Claim 40 as rewritten below:

40. An arrangement according to claim 38, **characterized** in that the control electrodes are at least partly covered by a dielectric layer to prevent a galvanic contact between said control electrodes and the micromechanical element.

REMARKS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (as amended on 11/7/2000) the rewritten claim(s) above are shown on separate page(s) marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that section.

Respectfully submitted,



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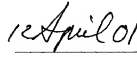
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MARKED UP CLAIM(S)

40. An arrangement according to claim 38 or 39, **characterized** in that the control electrodes are at least partly covered by a dielectric layer to prevent a galvanic contact between said control electrodes and the micromechanical element.